

ESTIMATES, MINISTRY OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (CONCLUDED)

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Mr. R. S. Smith: Okay, fine. The other question I have is you talk about a per diem rate of between \$21 and \$30. Obviously, these young people are not in the same category of physical or mental need as those people who are sent to many other institutions such as the Browndale camps where the per diem rate is \$59.40.

I think there is a discrepancy here because I believe there are many children held under section 8 who need a very similar type of treatment and adjustment to be available to them because they are emotionally disturbed. How do you put these two together? Supposedly in the next little while under one ministry you're going to have this wide plethora of different types of treatment for these people. You're moving a number of people from under the direction of your ministry to the other ministry and perhaps to an altogether different kind of treatment. Obviously the cost of treatment is very different between that which is being provided by Community and Social Services and your ministry and Health for that matter. It's very difficult to see what the differentiation is, particularly when some of these young people require the same type of treatment.

Hon. Mr. Potter: There's no question the rates are different and I think if you would check them through you'd find our rates are probably lower than any of them. At the present time, once again, there is an interministerial committee looking into the whole question of group homes -- the need for group homes throughout government, not in just this ministry or in Health or Community and Social Services -- comparing the types of services provided and what the costs are. I'm trying to get a handle on that now.

Mr. R. S. Smith: I'd like to make the point that as far as our party is concerned we're glad to see these people under section 8 moved out of your ministry. They should have been moved out of your ministry years ago and you would have got the 50-cent dollar from Ottawa. That's why you didn't get it. I'd like to make that point quite clear.